

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners,  
Democracy can only work with an informed electorate. I am concerned about the lack of informative television programming.

Our democracy is at risk when many Americans don't know basic facts about the candidates or the issues.

Broadcasters have failed in their obligation to serve the public interest. I urge the FCC to set meaningful public interest requirements that include local civic and electoral affairs programming. At a minimum, broadcasters should air three hours per week of local civic and electoral affairs programming, with at least two hours devoted to substantive election coverage in the six weeks prior to Election Day. This should include candidates not of the 2 major parties.

Democracy requires that citizens have access to a diversity of opinions and voices on the choices confronting us.

Sincerely,

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